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Banner of promise, by freemen unfurled!
Beast of hope to a waiting world!
Shining above is the stony thong,
A rift in the murky clouds of wrong—
Clouds that shall roll from their beams of light,
Till the whole realm done is blue and bright.

Knoxville, Saturday, June 25, 1864.

An Echo from the Valley of Weeping.

BY AMERICAN.

Hush! thundering gods, ye cease to roar,
My parrot pids, all before—
My wounded heart is ridded yet;
Hush! iron-throated hand of war—
How for thy blood-stained prey more low,
Leave me in stillness, in my woe.

Fade, sunbeam, fade—droop, little flower—
Bird, hush thy note, its griefs dead hour;
Each bush, merciful one, depart,
Till pain in turn, seize on your heart—
Then mourn like me, and pray to know
Darkness and affliction, in thy woe.

Ah! can you grieve for one so dear?—
Have you such treasure for the bier?
My gallant one! did but the foe,
In thy fates hour, thy goodness knew,
Even he had chosen a mark more low,
Nor made Night radiance, to my woe.

Treason avast! will not suffice.
These fair hills drenched in sacrifice?

These red ribbons on the sea?

These orphan walls of misery?

These bitter tears of mine that flow?—
Heaven send me calmness in my woe!

ACROSTIC.

Conecled, solid party snobs—
Oblige to every generous throng;
Pervading vices to suit their own;
Pretending truth—but showing none,
Earth has no creatures more debased—
Roaming around for "rights" misplaced.

Hast thou not seen him, gentle reader,
Eager for news or grapevines sped?

A con-spiratorial snob?

Doesn't know him now? A Copperhead.

The Bogus Proclamation.

The following purporting to be a proclamation of the President was delivered in manuscript to the editors of the New York *Advertiser*. It was published in some of them, including the *World* and *Herald*, and re-published in most of the western papers before the fraud was discovered. The New York Associated Press offered one thousand dollars for the apprehension of the author of the forged

PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, May 17.

Petition of the Citizens of the United States:
In all seasons of exigencies it becomes an nation earnestly to scrutinize its line of conduct. Houldy to approach the throne of Grace, and weekly to implore forgiveness, wisdom and guidance. For reasons only known to him it has been decreed that this country should be the scene of unparalleled outrage, and the nation the unexampled sufferer of the 19th century. With heavy heart, but undismayed confidence in our cause, I approach the performance of a duty rendered imperative by my sense of weakness before the Almighty, and of justice to the people. It is not necessary that I should tell you that the first Virginia campaign, under Genl. Grant, in which I have every confidence, and whose courage and fidelity to the people I do well to honor, is virtually closed. He has conducted his great enterprise with disinterested energy. He has inflicted great loss upon the enemy. He has crippled their strength and defeated their plans. In view however of the situation in Virginia, and the disaster at Red River, the delay at Charleston, and the general state of the country, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, do hereby command that Thursday, the 26th day of May, 1864, be solemnly set apart throughout the United States as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Deeming furthermore, that the present condition of public affairs presents an extraordinary occasion in view of the power vested in me by the constitution and laws, I have thought fit to call forth, and hereby do call, the citizens of the United States, between the ages of 18 and 45, in the aggregate number of four hundred thousand, in order to supersede the existing call-rolls combinations, and insure an execution of the laws, and further, in every State and other place where such shall fall, to furnish the sum of four men each, their assigned quotas, it is hereby ordered that the same be raised by an immediate and compulsory draft. The details of this object will be communicated to the State authorities through the War Department.

I appeal to all loyal citizens to facilitate and aid this effort in maintaining the honor and integrity and existence of our National Union, and the perpetuity of the popular Government.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set

L.S. my hand and caused the seal of the United

States to be affixed.

Done at Washington this 17th day of May, in the

year of our Lord 1864, and of the independence of the United States the 88th.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Wm. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Number One.

One hour lost in the morning by lying in bed will put back all the business of the day.

One hour gained by early rising is worth month in a year.

One hole in the fence will cost ten times as much, if neglected, as it will to fix it at once.

One diseased sheep will spoil a flock. One unruly animal will teach all the others in a company bad tricks; and the Bible says one sinner destroys much good.

One drunkard will keep a family poor and render them miserable.

One wife that is always telling how fine her neighbor dresses, and how little she can eat, will look pleasanter if she talks about something else.

One husband that is penurious or lazy, and deprives his family of necessary comforts, such as their neighbors enjoy, is not a desirable husband as he ought to be.

Schedule of Stamp Duties.

Revised February 1, 1864.

Stamp Duties

Acknowledgment of Deeds, or other instruments, made before a Justice, Notary, or other qualified officer— <i>exempt</i>	5	of animals, coal, wood, or other articles	Power of attorney to receive or collect rents,	25	In all conveyances of real estate by deed, where the actual value of the estate conveyed exceeds one hundred dollars, the law provides that the stamp affixed must answer to the value of the estate conveyed.—
Agreement or Appraisement (for each sheet, or piece of paper on which the sum is written)	5	Certificate of ownership of burial lots	[Powers of attorney, and other instruments executed in foreign countries to be used in the United States, are subject to the same rates of duty as those executed in the United States. The stamp must be affixed and cancelled by the party using the same.]	1 00	Where such does not exceed one hundred dollars, the instrument of conveyance is subject to a stamp duty of five cents per sheet. (See "Agreement.")
Assignment or Transfer of Mortgage, Lease, or Policy of Insurance is subject to the same duty as the original instrument.	5	Certificate of search of records	Probate of will, or letters of administration, where the value of both real and personal estate does not exceed \$2,500.	50	Where there is a sale of land inchoated by a mortgage, without a covenant by the grantee, express or implied, to pay the mortgage debt, the stamp must be appropriate to the consideration of the grantee, which consideration the mortgage will not form a part. Where the grantee assumes to pay the mortgage debt, or takes the land subject to it, that debt is properly estimated as a part of the consideration, and the stamp will be such as is appropriate to the whole value of the land.
Assignment ordinary, as a bond, without warranty	5	Certificate of redemption of lands sold for taxes	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$2,500, and not exceeding \$5,000.	1 00	A good rule to observe in acknowledging and recording instruments, is to make a note in the acknowledgment or on the record of the amount of stamp duty affixed, and the date of cancellation.
Assignment of Patent Right	5	Certificate of birth, marriage and death (when required by State law)	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$5,000, and not exceeding \$20,000.	2 00	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
Bank Checks, Drafts, Orders, etc., at sight or on demand, for all sums of money exceeding \$20	2	Certificate of qualification of school teachers (when required by State law)	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$20,000, and not exceeding \$100,000.	10 00	VI. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Bills of Exchange (Foreign) drawn in, but payable out of the United States, each bill, of set of three or more, must be stamped.	5	Certified Transcripts of judgment, satisfaction or judgment, and of all papers recorded and of papers file, each	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$20,000, and not exceeding \$50,000.	20 00	VII. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed, according to the standard value fixed by the United States	5	[N. B.—As a general rule, every certificate which has, or may have, a legal value in any court of law or equity, will require a stamp duty of 5 cts.]	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$100,000, and not exceeding \$150,000.	20 00	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Charter Party, or letter, memorandum, or other writing between the captain, owner or agent of any ship, vessel or steamer, and any other person relating to the charter of the same, if the registered tonnage of said ship, vessel, or steamer, does not exceed two tons	3	Charter Party, or letter, memorandum, or other writing between the captain, owner or agent of any ship, vessel or steamer, and any other person relating to the charter of the same, if the registered tonnage of said ship, vessel, or steamer, does not exceed two tons	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$20,000, and not exceeding \$50,000.	10 00	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
Above one hundred and fifty dollars, and not above two hundred and fifty dollars	5	Charter party exceeding 150 tons, and not exceeding 300 tons	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$50,000, and not exceeding \$100,000.	20 00	V. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Above two hundred and fifty dollars, and not above five hundred dollars	10	Charter party exceeding 300 tons, and not exceeding 600 tons	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$100,000, and not exceeding \$150,000.	20 00	VI. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Above five hundred dollars, and not above one thousand dollars	15	Charter party exceeding 600 tons	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$150,000, and not exceeding \$200,000.	20 00	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Above one thousand dollars, and not above one thousand five hundred dollars	20	Contract, (See Agreement.)	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$200,000, and not exceeding \$300,000.	20 00	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
Above one thousand five hundred dollars, and not above two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars	25	Contract, Brokers,	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$300,000, and not exceeding \$400,000.	20 00	V. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Above two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, and not above three thousand five hundred dollars	30	Conveyance, deed, instrument, or writing whereby lands, tenements, or other realty sold, shall be conveyed, the actual value of which exceeds \$100, and does not exceed \$1,000	Probate Letters of Appointment— <i>exempt</i>	1 00	VI. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Above three thousand five hundred dollars, and not above five thousand dollars	35	Conveyance, deed, instrument, or writing whereby lands, tenements, or other realty sold, shall be conveyed, the actual value of which exceeds \$100, and does not exceed \$1,000	Probate Certificate of Appointment	5	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Above five thousand dollars, and not above seven thousand five hundred dollars	40	Conveyance, exceeding \$10,000, and not exceeding \$20,000	Probate upon notes, bill of exchange, check, draft, &c.	25	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
And for every two thousand five hundred dollars, or part thereof, in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars	45	Conveyance, exceeding \$20,000, and not exceeding \$30,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$30,000, and not exceeding \$50,000.	20 00	V. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Foreign) whether drawn in or out of the United States (if drawn singly, or in duplicates,) pay the same rates of duty as inland Bills of Exchange.	50	Conveyance, exceeding \$30,000, and not exceeding \$50,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$50,000, and not exceeding \$100,000.	20 00	VI. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
The acceptor or acceptors of any Bill of Exchange or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn, or purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, must before paying or accepting the same place theron a stamp indicating the duty. (See Section 104 Act of July 1, 1862.)	55	Conveyance, exceeding \$50,000, and not exceeding \$100,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$100,000, and not exceeding \$150,000.	20 00	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Bills of Exchange (Inland) draft or order exceeding \$20, payable otherwise than at sight or on demand, and any promissory note (except deposit notes to mutual insurance companies) whether payable on demand or at any time not exceeding 33 days, grace included, from date or sight, for every \$200, or fractional part thereof	60	Conveyance, exceeding \$100,000, and not exceeding \$150,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$150,000, and not exceeding \$200,000.	20 00	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$100, and not exceeding \$500 in value	65	Conveyance, exceeding \$150,000, and not exceeding \$200,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$200,000, and not exceeding \$300,000.	20 00	V. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Entry exceeding \$500 in value	70	Conveyance, exceeding \$200,000, and not exceeding \$300,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$300,000, and not exceeding \$400,000.	20 00	VI. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$300 in value	75	Conveyance, exceeding \$300,000, and not exceeding \$400,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$400,000, and not exceeding \$500,000.	20 00	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$400 in value	80	Conveyance, exceeding \$400,000, and not exceeding \$500,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$500,000, and not exceeding \$600,000.	20 00	IV. Hereafter occupants of Stores and Houses will be required to have the rear of their premises clean, and the side walk swept before nine o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$500 in value	85	Conveyance, exceeding \$500,000, and not exceeding \$600,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$600,000, and not exceeding \$700,000.	20 00	V. Any violation of the above order will be punished by a fine of Five Dollars, (\$5) to be collected by the Clerk of Police.
Entry exceeding \$600 in value	90	Conveyance, exceeding \$600,000, and not exceeding \$700,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$700,000, and not exceeding \$800,000.	20 00	VI. As soon as possible after the notice of the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$700 in value	95	Conveyance, exceeding \$700,000, and not exceeding \$800,000	Probate of will, or letters of administration—value exceeding \$800,000, and not exceeding \$900,000.	20 00	III. Offal, the accumulation of restaurants, must be removed by the occupants each day. Sunday excepted, before ten o'clock A. M. All ashes and rubbish will be set in barrels on the side walk before ten o'clock A. M., each day.
Entry exceeding \$800 in value	100	Conveyance, exceeding \$800,000, and not exceeding \$900,000	Probate of will		